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NOTES AND NEWS.

Miss Rioch will return to Japan about September 1st. She has had a busy furlough, telling the people about her work and the needs of Japan.

W. P. S. Murray, of Bradalbane, P. E. I., has been graduated from Bethany College, West Va., and has accepted work in the United States.

We understand that Neil McLeod, who has been doing missionary work in Jamaica under the C. W. B. M., will visit P. E. Island during the present month.

Our Ontario churches seem to have a strong liking for P. E. Island preachers. E. E. Crawford is located at St. Thomas, Herbert Martin, at Guelph, and G. N. Stevenson at Erin.

L. C. McPherson and wife, Buffalo, N. Y., have been appointed missionaries to Havana, Cuba. Melvin Menges and wife, Stanford, Ill., have been under appointment for some time.

The pledges made in Tiverton for Home Missions were to be paid within a year. Many of these have already been paid. It is hoped that all the others will be paid during this month.

This number of THE CHRISTIAN has much matter concerning the Jubilee convention. Read it with care. It may have force enough to send you to this assembly of the saints in Cincinnati, Ohio, October 13-20.

Geo. D. Weaver closed his work at New Holland, Ohio, on July 1st, and began at Putnam on July 2nd. He has been minister at New Holland continuously since he was graduated from Kentucky University.

The attendance at the International Christian Endeavor convention, at Detroit, in July, was not as large as in some other years, but all reports agree in saying that in other respects the meeting was as good as the best.

Many of our subscribers, as soon as their subscriptions ran out, forward the amount

for a renewal. This is better, both for them and for us, than delaying payment for years and then sending a large amount. But that is much better than not pay g at all.

We have to thank the Secretary of the P. E. Island Christian Association for the very full and interesting report of that gathering which we give our readers this month.

This month closes the financial year of the CHRISTIAN. We are anxious to be able to present a good report. We ask our subscribers' aid in this matter. Renew your subscription if you have not done so. We need the money now.

Elaborate preparations are being made for the Jubilee convention in Cincinnati, Ohio. It is expected that at least 10,000 Disciples will be in attendance. It will be good to be there. The chairman of the committee of arrangements sends a special invitation to the members of our provincial churches.

The Jubilee Convention.—Cincinnati, O., is the place, Oct 13th to 20th is the time. The inspiration which one will get there and the memories that he will carry away will well repay those who attend from a distance. Just think of sitting down with ten thousand brethren and sisters at the communion service!

Our new missionaries to Africa, Dr. and Mrs. R. J. Dye, arrived safely at their station Bolongi, three months after they had left home. They found E. E. Ferris, who has been alone since Dr. Biddle's death, in good health. These missionaries in the dark continent need our prayers. Paul was helped by the prayers of the brethren.

We are disappointed in not being able to announce the name of the church entertaining the Annual Meeting, but if arrangements can be perfected, the time and place for holding it will be announced in the next issue of the CHRISTIAN, which will be published early.

Ingersoll is dead. His power for evil was about spent; but he had prostituted great talents in insane attacks on Christ and Christianity. He probably knows more now about the mistakes of Ingersoll than he ever knew about the mistakes of Moses. We doubt whether he is as much inclined to ridicule holy things as when he was on earth.

Some of our churches have not made an offering to Home Missions this year. Perhaps they are wondering why greater success is not reported. It is because greater effort is not made, and it cannot be made because the funds are lacking. The churches have the remedy in their own hands. This month ends the missionary year and it should not be allowed to close with the Home Mission Board in debt.

People declare that the gospel is losing its power; but that cannot be. It does, however seem to be losing its proper place. When instead of proclaiming the gospel, preachers deliver discourses on such subjects as The Parson's Free Lunch, The Parson's Wife, The Lost Parson, The only Baby in 'Town, etc., as a Brooklyn preacher has been doing at the Sunday evening services, it is very evident they do not know the power or importance of the gospel.

We are enabled this month to give our readers a good picture of Isaac Errett. He was the founder, and, until his death, the editor of the *Christian Standard*. He was a far-sighted, clear-headed man, a man of great ability as a preacher, as a writer, and as a leader of men. As far as Alexander Campbell's mantle could fall on any one it fell on him. He was prominent in the organization of our systematic mission work.

It will be worth a trip to Cincinnati, O. from any point in the maritime provinces, to see the noble men and women you have heard about and read after for years, and besides you will be able to hear many of them speak when inspired by a great audience. You will see and hear also some younger princes in Israel, just rising to high places in the country—men from whose pens you will read in days to come and of whose achievements you will be proud.

God is good. Because he is good he destroyed the world by a flood, and passed Sodom and Gomorrah through the fire. He is good and he hates sin. He is good and he gave man a plan of salvation which he developed through four thousand years. His plan is the very best; as it is the only revealed one for those who hear it. We show our love to God and our confidence in his wisdom when we walk in the way of his commandments, not when we disregard them and mark out a way of our own.

The Bible is the Word of God, and all the demons in hell, and all the infidels and destructive critics on earth, cannot destroy it. The sun in the heavens is not safer from their attacks. But it is possible for them to combine and to create such a smoke that the sun will be hidden for a time. By their bold assumptions and lying tongues they may destroy the faith of some who will thereby be turned aside from the truth; but the truth still remains—and will remain.

"Sincerity," we are gravely told, "is never wrong." But it never made a wrong thing right, or changed an error into a truth. It never changed disobedience into obedience, or rebellion into loyalty. It never justified a heathen mother in casting her child into the Ganges, nor a civilized man in trusting for salvation to his good works. Uzza's sincerity did not save him when he disobeyed God, any more than Ananias' hypocrisy saved him when he lied unto the Holy Spirit. It is the sincerity of knowledge and not the sincerity of ignorance that is pleasing to God.

When Prof. Garvin, of Butler University, got out of harmony with the teachings of the Reformation, public sentiment compelled him to get down and out. More recently, Prof. Morgan, of Drake University did likewise, for similar reason. We rejoice in this. So far the Disciples have been loyal to the teachings of the Bible. There should never be room in one of our schools for a man who would take the Holy Book down from its place of prominence, or who would sow doubt or subtle infidelity in the minds of the students. Those who go out from our colleges to preach should be men of faith, not of doubt.

We are often told that the different denominations stand for different great ideas, and attempts to justify denominationalism are often made on these grounds. But if these ideas are truly great, is it right that any one of them should be held or emphasized by only one denomination? Should not each give its proper place to the great idea of every other? When that takes place we will no longer have denominations with some great truth to hold and defend, but we will have the Church of Christ standing for all the great ideas, and defending the whole truth.

News of the Churches.

**ST. JOHN, N. B.
COBURG STREET.**

Sister Elsie H. Smith, daughter of Bro. Geo. T. Smith (who was formerly a missionary in Japan) arrived in this city on July 4th, on her way to Windsor and Cornwallis, N. S., where she will visit relatives.

Bro. Wm. Murray was at our prayer meeting on Thursday (6th). He is spending a few days with the brethren at LeTete.

The annual picnic of the Main Street and Coburg Street Sunday-schools was held at Nauwigewauk on July 11th, on the grounds of J. D. Keator, Esq.

Sister Christiana Lowe died at her home on the 17th July in the 81st year of her age. Confined to her home through ill health, she was unable to attend the worship at the Lord's house, which she so much enjoyed in former years. She was baptized July 18, 1841.

Sister B. H. Swift (nee Banks), of Boston, Mass., is spending a few weeks with her parents in this city.

Bro. H. A. Devce, of South Range, N. S., worshipped with us on Lord's day (16) and preached in the evening from Phil. iii, 14: "I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus."

Bro. and Sister Kendrick Outhouse, of Tiverton, N. S., was at our prayer meeting on Thursday evening (27th)

Sister Lylic Hoyt is visiting friends in Boston, Mass. W. A. B.

MAIN STREET.

July 11th was the date of the Sunday-school picnic. The weather was all that could be desired, and a most enjoyable day was spent.

Open air services are being held on Sunday and Tuesday evenings. This is a union effort with St. Luke's Episcopal church. The meetings are largely attended, especially that on Sunday.

Death has made its entrance into the membership of the Main Street church. Sister Hines passed away July 20th. A quiet, undemonstrative member, her life and influence were decidedly for Christ and his kingdom. Her husband and family are bereft indeed - we cannot understand the reason of such troubles, but believe that the mother's God and Saviour will watch over the little ones. Sisters Purvis and Nina Whelpley did all possible to assist Bro. Hines in ministering to his sick wife.

On the eve of starting for P. E. I., word came from the preachers which caused Bro. Appel to

cancel his proposed visit in the interests of the Building Fund. It is to be hoped that there will be some individuals on the Island who will manifest "financial" interest in this work, even though a personal canvas had to be abandoned. Building operations have been hindered by rain, but the foundations are nearly finished, and thus another stage in the journey is about completed. If the friends of the work will now contribute liberally and promptly the work can be pushed ahead rapidly. There is great need, however, for generous and immediate help.

NAUWIGEWAWK, N. B.

The foundation of the meeting house has been completed. The lumber for the house is ready. The building is to be completed before winter.

Bro Wm Murray has again visited the church. His visit was very beneficial. He preached three sermons in private houses, and two young men and one young woman confessed the Saviour and were baptized. Others are interested.

The Sunday-school is held regularly. The attendance is good. H. W. S.

DANVERS, N. S.

We have no reason to complain of religious activity in this section of country. Our general services are well attended, and our Sunday school and prayer meetings are progressing favorably. "Children's day" was observed here and was quite a success.

The writer recently visited the church in Kempt, Queens Co., N. S., and spent about five weeks. We found the brethren ready to work and advance the work of Christ. Though we cannot report any immediate accessions, yet the interest grew until our congregations were good. We preached twice in the Methodist church, at Maitland, to large and attentive audiences. I intend to work a part of my time for the brethren here, as it was the desire of the brethren. H. E. C.

HALIFAX, N. S.

Two additions by baptism since my last notes from Halifax.

We are now in the vacation season and a number of our members are already out of the city enjoying their annual vacation, and others are yet to go.

Sister Packard, of New York, worshipped with us two Lord's days. Sister Woodworth, of Windsor, N. S., was also with us over three Lord's days, and at this writing, Sister E. A. Minard, of Cambridge, Mass., is visiting in the city and worships with us regularly. We are all glad to see Sister Wisdom back again from Massachusetts, where she has been spending the winter. After losing so many of our faithful workers, the presence of these friends of the cause we plead is especially encouraging.

The Sunday-school of the North St. Christian Church expect to hold their annual picnic August 10. A good time is expected.

The writer of these notes rejoices to know that Bro. H. Murray has taken on the work in Westport and Tiverton. No better man could be found for the work in those interesting fields. I am also very glad to know that Bro. R. E. Stevens is fully into the work in Cornwallis. My interest in the cause in those fields has grown with my years. Twenty-nine years of my life, since I began to preach the gospel, was nearly equally divided between those two fields; hence my deep interest in the cause we plead, and great pleasure in knowing that two such good men have been secured to carry on the work in those important fields. May God abundantly bless their labors in my daily prayer. E. C. Ford.

Halifax, N. S., July 26, 1899.

CHARLOTTETOWN, P. E. I.

Began work here as shepherd three weeks ago. Splendid audiences and collections considerably above expenses. The future is bright. Last Sunday morning our entire membership (but one) was present and unanimously voted to build. Have \$1,500 pledged. Expect to put up a modern church building that will seat 400 for \$2,500. It will mean hard, consecrated work, but we believe now is the time to strike and that God will bless our efforts. R. F. WHISTON.

RAT PORTAGE, ONT.

We are again in a protracted meeting. Bro. J. K. Hester is doing the preaching and Bro. Thos. E. Jones, of Chicago, is leading the singing. The meetings have been in progress one week. The interest is increasing. I hope to be able to report a good number of additions in next month's issue. O. B. STOCKFORD.

Home Missions.

Address all communications and remittances to W. A. Barnes, Secretary, 225 St. James Street, St. John, N. B.

If your church or yourself are not praying and working for home missions, it would be well to look for a cause, and that no doubt, you will find to be simply a lack of interest in humanity.

Only another month before the time appointed for holding the Annual meeting and there are some churches who have contributed to foreign missions and have not given anything for our home work in these provinces. This ought not so to be. Let us be more interested in the home work. When we are in a position to have an evangelist in the field permanently, and this I fear cannot be done if we send our money to the foreign field, we shall not only be able to raise money for the home work, but for the foreign work as well. There are many of our churches without preachers that would be strengthened and encouraged by regular visits from an evangelist.

A number of the pledges made at the Annual remain unpaid. The year in which they were to be paid expires with the month of August. A word to the wise is sufficient.

We are glad to learn that at the Hants county meeting held recently at Newport, N. S., a resolution was passed requesting the elders and deacons of the several churches to arrange for the employing of a preacher to labor in the county for the year.

The following will show how the apportionment has been responded to:

| | Amount asked for | Amount paid 1898 | Amount paid 1899 |
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| St. John, Coburg St., | \$125 00 | \$95 16 | \$57 43 |
| " Main St., | 35 00 | 48 40 | 14 71 |
| Lord's Cove, | 60 00 | 42 49 | 17 78 |
| Leonardville, | 25 00 | 8 00 | 4 00 |
| Silver Falls, | 5 00 | | |
| Burt's Corner, | 5 00 | | |
| Back Bay, | 10 00 | | 3 35 |
| Letete, | 20 00 | 3 00 | 2 62 |
| Mascarene, | 5 00 | 3 50 | 11 35 |
| Halifax, .. | 25 00 | 25 00 | 17 35 |
| Pictou, .. | 5 00 | 20 00 | |
| Milton, .. | 60 00 | 17 90 | 19 35 |
| West Gore, | 30 00 | 12 00 | 16 00 |
| Tiverton, | 30 00 | 12 50 | 17 25 |
| Westport, | 30 00 | 32 00 | 30 83 |
| Cornwallis, | 25 00 | 23 00 | 10 00 |
| Newport, | 10 00 | | 4 00 |
| South Range, | 10 00 | 5 00 | |
| Kempt, .. | 10 00 | 4 20 | 2 06 |
| Shubenacadic, | 10 00 | | |
| Upper Rawdon, | 10 00 | | |
| Summersville, | 10 00 | | |
| Southville, | 10 00 | | 3 05 |
| Gulliver's Cove, | 10 00 | | |
| Elmsdale, | 5 00 | | 4 00 |
| River John, | 10 00 | 5 00 | |
| Nine Mile River, .. | 5 00 | | |
| Pledges at Annual, | | | \$104 00 |
| Unpaid pledges, | | | 110 00 |

Pledges at R. W. Stevenson's meeting :

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| Back Bay, | \$3 35 |
| Letete, | 2 02 |
| Mascarene, | 7 85 |
| Tiverton, | 15 75 |
| Westport, | 17 33 |
| | \$46 90 |

RECEIPTS.

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| Previously acknowledged, | \$552 43 |
| F. C Ford, part pledge at annual, | 2 00 |
| J. W. Bolton, Sweet Valley, Pa., per H. W. Stewart, | 2 00 |
| Mrs. Fred Roome, Halifax, N. S., pledge at annual, | 2 00 |
| Mrs. Arthur Payson, pledge at annual, | 1 00 |
| Annie L. Porter, Southville, N. S., pledge at annual, | 1 00 |
| Coburg Street Mission Band, St. John, | 3 83 |
| Main Street Sunday-school, | 2 05 |
| Miss N. Whelpley, St. John, | 1 00 |
| Mascarene, N. B., per Miss Gertie Dick, pledges at Bro. Stevenson's meeting, | 3 50 |
| Westport, N. S., pledges at Bro. Stevenson's meeting, per Mrs. C. A. McDormand, | 3 20 |
| W. H. Devoc, South Range, N. S., pledge at annual, | 10 00 |
| Mrs. D. S. McDouell, Elmsdale, N. S., | 1 00 |
| Mrs. J. H. Withrow, | 1 00 |
| Mrs. P. Tulloch, | 50 |
| Mrs. G. D. Wright, | 50 |
| A. McNeill, | 1 00 |
| Mrs. Kendrick Outhouse, Tiverton, pledges at Bro. Stevenson's meeting, | 3 85 |
| Tiverton, pledges at Bro. Stevenson's meeting, per Ella M. Cossaboom, | 1 65 |
| Tiverton, Ella M. Cossaboom, pledge at annual meeting, | 2 00 |
| | \$595 57 |

W. A. BARNES, Secretary.

Foreign Missions.

Maritime C. W. B. M.

Expect great things from God.
Attempt great things for God.

DEAR SISTERS,—Do you realize that our missionary year is passing very rapidly, and that we have but one month in which to raise quite a large sum of money? Are we making any special effort to increase our offerings?

Our missionary is working hard, preparatory to her return to Japan. I cannot think that our sisters will fail her now. We have undertaken a good work but we must not get "weary in well doing."

Our duty to our missionary is as great as ever, but higher and deeper than our duty to any person, is our privilege of working with our Heavenly Father. Let us not forget that we honor God by giving our lives in willing service for his children.

Can we not make one united effort and make this month the best of the whole year? May God help us to work while the day lasts, for the night cometh when no man can work.

Yours in the Master's service,

CARRIE F. PAYSON.

Westport, July 24, 1899.

Dear Sisters,—Only a very few weeks and our missionary year is done. Unless every one takes her own share of the responsibility and fulfils her own obligations, we will have to close our year in debt, for the first time. There is about \$100 needed. There are many churches and friends from whom we have not heard at all this year. We miss your kind words and welcome contributions. Will not each one, who may read this, consider it as a personal matter. It is written

to you. All contributions must reach me by the 31st of August at the very latest, as the books close then.

SUSIE FORD STEVENS.

Our faithful missionary, Miss Mary M. Riob, expects to return to Japan early in September. During her visit in Canada she has spent a large portion of her time, given for rest, in visiting churches. She has held in all 105 meetings, has been in 110 homes of Disciples, and has raised, after deducting travelling expenses, \$112.37. The money thus raised is to be applied toward building a woman's home in Japan. She has worked as well as rested and we trust our appreciation of her sacrifice will be shown by our increased zeal for the work so dear to her. We ask the prayers of all that that she may be taken in safety to her distant home.

We are pleased that Bro. McLeod is expected to be at our convention. He is a missionary to Jamaica and is now returning to his home in P. E. Island. Bro. McLeod has been on the foreign field since 1896 and will have much of interest to tell us. He writes that he is willing to visit the churches where he can be of benefit to the cause of missions. We hope arrangements can be made to enable him to do this. He has been under the employ of the American C. W. B. M. and is well conversant with missionary work.

The Jamaica Mission was adopted in 1876 by the C. W. B. M. and has grown to 19 churches with 1,620 members, who raised last year for self-support £527. There are upwards of 10 missionaries employed and the outlook is encouraging.

As the time draws near for us to compare another year's work with that preceding, we are forced to ask ourselves if we are doing all we can to advance the kingdom of our Saviour. Let us not delay. Now! Now is the time. Only about six weeks before we start on the work of another year. Eternity alone will reveal how much we can accomplish in that time. We look for encouraging reports from our auxiliaries. Let us not be disappointed.

L. N. JACKSON.

Port Williams, N. S.

RECEIPTS.

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| Previously reported, .. | \$260 21 |
| St. John— | |
| Coburg St. Sunday-school, .. | 2 00 |
| New Albany— | |
| Clark Whitman, .. | 60 |
| Lord's Cove— | |
| Ladies' Aid, .. | 20 70 |
| | \$292 51 |

SUSIE FORD STEVENS, Treasurer.

Port Williams, King's Co., N. S.

CHILDREN'S WORK.

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| Previously reported | \$49 09 |
| Lord's Cove— | |
| Mission Band, | 12 65 |
| | \$61 74 |

SUSIE FORD STEVENS, Treasurer.

Port Williams, Kings Co., N. B.

Married.

GREENLAW-SMITH.—At the residence of Thos. Smith, father of the bride, on July 16th, at Lord's Cove, Frank L. Greenlaw and Mary I. Smith, W. H. Harding officiating.

MACARTHUR-BEATTIE.—On the 5th inst, at the home of the bride's parents, at Summerside, by R. W. Steven-

son, pastor of the Christian Church at Montague, Miss Hannah Lois Beattie, youngest daughter of Bro. Thos. Beattie, to Mr. Creelman MacArthur, of Summerside. The young couple were the recipients of many valuable and beautiful presents, an evidence of their popularity in the community.

Died.

WRIGHT.—At Nine Mile River, July 18th, Bro. Andrew E. Wright, at the advanced age of nearly 80 years. Not agreeing with the doctrine which, during a long life he had heard preached, though an honest industrious man, he remained without a profession of religion until seventy years of age, when, hearing the gospel as taught by the Disciples, he became obedient to it. Since then he has been firm in the faith, and in his sickness looked forward to death with strong faith in the promises of God.—H. WALLACE.

LORD.—At Richardsonville, May 16th, after a short illness, Annie, beloved wife of George Lord, in the 33rd year of her life. She was baptized by the writer a little over a year ago, and was a consistent Christian. Four children and a husband mourn her loss. Her end was peaceful and trusting. W. H. H.

ADAMS.—At Lord's Cove, July 19th, after a lingering illness, Rosamond, daughter of Edward Adams, in the 26th year of her life. She was a patient sufferer, and passed quietly away. Rosie was a great favorite with all who knew her, and will be missed in the church and in the social circle. We shall meet her again. W. H. H.

STANTEN.—Died at Riverdale, Digby County, N. S., Sister Catherine Stanten, in the 66th year of her age. Sister Stanten was baptized by Bro. Crawford 50 years ago. She was a sister to the late lamented Elder Benjamin Wagoner, of Riverdale. She came of a highly respectable family, known for their Christian integrity and true Christian devotion. She died in fellowship with Christ and the church.

BEATTIE.—At the home of her beloved parents, in Summerside, early in the morning of the 18th inst., Sister Catherine, daughter of Bro. Thos. Beattie, in the 33rd year of her age, departed to be with Christ. Several years ago she suffered from inflammation of the lungs, from which she never fully recovered. Her physicians advised a change of climate, and she visited California, but still the dreadful disease continued to prevail over her strength, until she was compelled to return home, where she lingered for a while and then passed peacefully away to the rest that remains for the people of God. In the little church she shall be greatly missed, where she was ever faithful to the call of duty. She was superintendent of the Sunday-school, active in the Y. P. S. C. E., and constant in her attendance at worship on Lord's days. It may be truly said of her, "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from henceforth; yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors and their works do follow them." The writer conducted the services at her funeral, assisted by Bro. A. N. Simpson and Rev. Mr. Grant, of the Baptist Church. The funeral was very large, showing the very high esteem in which Sister Beattie was held by all those acquainted with her. R. W. S.

LOWE.—In St. John, on July 17th, at the advanced age of 82 years, Sister Lowe, widow of the late Benj. Lowe, closed her earthly pilgrimage. Her husband died about six years ago. They were married for more than fifty years. For that length of time their home was on the corner of Princess and Carnarthen streets, St. John. They were both members of the Church of Christ in St. John from the early days. Sister Lowe has not been able to attend the house of God and unite in the worship since the writer came to St. John, except on one occasion. She was a good woman, trusting in her Saviour and trying to do good to her fellow men. She has been desiring to depart to be with Christ, which to her was far better than to remain here, where life had lost its joys and she her ability to serve. Rev. R. W. Weddall, Methodist preacher, assisted in the funeral services. H. W. S.

HINES.—At St. John, on July 20th, Sister Annie Hines passed into rest. She was 28 years of age and her last sickness was brief. During all her sufferings she manifested a true Christian patience and faith. An hour or so before her death, when kissing the little ones, she committed them to the care of her Heavenly Father. Bro. R. W. Stevenson baptized her during his ministry at the North End. She had been a Roman Catholic. Her relations were all of that church, and during her last illness an aunt endeavored to persuade her to "return to the true church." However, Sister Hines knew in whom she had believed, and had no wish to return to the bondage and superstition from which she had been released. A husband and three little children remain to mourn their loss. A.

ARMSTRONG.—On August 1st, at St. John, N. B., Arthur E. Armstrong, in his 21st year. (Full notice next month).

LELAND.—At the home of her parents, in Mascarene, N. B., on the 29th of May, Bessie Leland fell peacefully asleep at the early age of 17. She was the first one that death had claimed from the little church of which she had been a member but a few months. She was a great sufferer, especially as she neared the end, but all that could be done by loving parents, kind friends, and sympathetic church members, to alleviate her suffering, and minister to her comfort was done. R. E. S.

Correspondence.

ANCHORED!

In Westport and Tiverton for one year, at least. Half the time in Westport and the other half in Tiverton. Our home will be in Westport. The church here has a neat parsonage. Very soon our family will be comfortably settled in this pleasant home. Any of the brethren or friends who come this way will find a warm welcome at our home. We are very busy now painting and papering and setting the house in order. The brethren are perfectly willing for me to do all I want to in the line of repairing without charging me a cent.

The prospect for success is encouraging, both here in Westport and in Tiverton. Our Sunday congregations are large. The prayer meetings are yet quite small on account of so many of our brethren who are away fishing, but they are interesting considering the circumstances.

We had a busy day at Tiverton last Sunday. We had a good congregation in the morning. In the afternoon our Sunday-school was larger than usual. After the Sunday-school, we crossed the Petite passage with a number of the brethren and enjoyed a meeting in the school house on the main land. In the evening our house in Tiverton was well filled. We had a much larger number at the Lord's table than the previous Sundays.

We fully expect a happy, profitable, prosperous and lively time in these churches in all the departments of church work. We are praying for this. If we did not expect success we would not pray for it. A faithless prayer is the worst kind of a formal prayer. This will do for a hint to those who pray for success but neither expect it, nor work for it, that they should either stop praying or stop doubting. "Let us ask in faith nothing wavering. . . . Let not that man think that he shall receive anything from the Lord."

We will soon be planning for a county meeting when our brethren in the five churches in the county of Digby will meet to plan and organize for a more effectual work in the county. Our strength and success in the cause of God is in our unity. Whether many or few, rich or poor, if united and active, we will prosper, but if divided, we will fail to accomplish anything for the Lord. It is only when we "stand fast in one spirit with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel" that the work of the Lord can prosper in any hands.

Our Bro. Ossinger at Tiverton has been laid up with sickness, but we are glad to say he is improving and will soon be in his place at church again. His steadfastness in the worship and the work of the Lord has won the confidence and sympathy of all who know him. To lose him from the house of the Lord would be an irreparable loss.

Bro. and Sister Kendrick Outhouse con-

temp'to moving to Lubec, Maine, their parents going with them. We can ill afford to lose them, as Sister Outhouse is our organist and Bro. Outhouse our Sunday-school superintendent.

We are losing several families from our Westport church. Bro. Ossinger's family and Bro. Clarence Peters' family have already moved to Lubec, but we hope they may return to us. It is this fearful exodus from our Provinces that keeps a constant depletion of our ranks. When we learn that "godliness with contentment is great gain," then we will find that this country is as good for us any other country in the world.

H. MURRAY.

DEER ISLAND LETTER.

In my last I promised to tell you something about the New England convention, held at Haverhill, Mass. The convention opened on Friday morning at 9.30, with a praise service, and closed on Lord's day evening. Scarcely an hour in the day but there was a meeting, and if I should offer any criticism on the convention, it would be that it was too full.

The addresses were of a high order, and the subjects chosen were all practical ones. Bro. McLean gave two excellent addresses on Missions, and Dr. Butchart gave a splendid talk on the experience of some missionaries in the foreign field. Bro. Butchart has been in China a number of years, and expects to return to that country again. Bro. C. C. Smith told us about the work at home, and gave two good addresses on this work. In one of his addresses he told about the great country, the great people, and the great plea.

The business part of the convention seemed to be conducted on business principles. Bro. R. A. Nichols makes a good presiding officer, and there seemed to be a good feeling existing among the preaching brethren. Surely if any class of men should have brotherly love it is the preachers of the gospel.

Taking the convention as a whole it was pleasant and profitable. For my own part I can say that I enjoyed it better than any I have attended for a long time. I seemed to carry away a deeper and a more intense desire to work while it is called day. The people of Haverhill were very kind to us and entertained us royally.

Our work on this Island is moving along quietly just now. A great many of our people are away, and some who are not away have to be up a great deal at night, so that we have not as large audiences as we have in winter; but still we have nothing to discourage us, for the work seems to move on quietly.

A parish S. S. convention was held recently at Leonardville and was enjoyed by all. The writer of this letter was appointed President, and we hope the S. S. work on the Island may be benefitted.

Just now there are a good many visitors here. Were it not for the fog this island would be a charming summer resort.

So far this year the sardine fishing has not been very prosperous. A syndicate has been formed, and it has made it harder for the boatmen and fishermen. There is a general hope that the syndicate will "bust."

I am planning on a visit to P. E. Island. During my absence Bro. Foster Calder will preach on Lord's day evenings.

W. H. HARDING.

Lord's Cove, N. B.

HANTS COUNTY.

Our County meeting, as previously announced, was held at Newport. In view of the distance our brethren there live from their meeting house, it was arranged to have but one day's meeting, with a basket dinner at the church, which arrangement was carried out to the complete satisfaction of all.

From different directions the people came with single and double teams from five to twenty-five miles, and by 10.30 the house was filled, when Bro. F. C. Ford preached an interesting sermon. Bro. W. Murray presided at the Lord's table, and in an earnest and appropriate manner brought home to our hearts the touching significance of the sufferings of Christ.

At 1 p. m., after appropriate singing and prayer, an hour was spent in considering the work of the churches in Hants County. After several short addresses, bearing upon the question, a resolution was passed unanimously, requesting the elders and deacons of the several churches to arrange for the employing of a preacher to labor in the county for the ensuing year. As all these churches are financially weak, it has long been their method to co-operate in employing one minister of the word to supply the need of the different points as best he could, in conjunction with the eldership of the churches. And while it has never been perfectly satisfactory, it has generally resulted in good.

At 3 o'clock, Bro. McLeod preached to a crowded but interested audience on Acts ii. 38. The most of our preachers find a difficulty in preaching on this great text, fearing it will be too old with our people, as it is necessarily so often quoted or referred to in presenting the terms of pardon. But Bro. McLeod, who has but recently united with us from another religious body, with an earnestness and enthusiasm, born of what was nearly a new revelation to him, preached on this text with no misgiving, or fear of a worn out subject, as though "without exception and without a doubt" he believed it.

At six o'clock, the meeting closed, and all set out for their homes. The day had been fine, the attendance large, the preaching, praying, singing, exhortation and conversation, all had been good. And every pious heart could say, "How amiable are thy tabernacles, O Lord of hosts."

Bro. F. C. Ford has spent two weeks at West Gore and preached three times. He will speak next Sunday at Upper Rawdon and Nine Mile River. This is his first visit to these parts, and he is giving satisfaction

to those who have the pleasure of hearing him. I trust the time will never come when there will not be found consecrated and soberminded young men, willing to give themselves to the noble work of preaching the gospel of Christ.

Our new railroad from Windsor to Truro, is progressing toward completion. At the rate of a mile a day the rails are being laid, and soon the whistle of the engine will be heard in the Konneticook valley. So, brethren, when you come again to an annual meeting at West Gore, you will come by cars to within three miles of your destination.

HIRAM WALLACE.

West Gore, July 12, 1899.

FIRST MANITOBA ANNUAL CONVENTION.

The first convention of the Disciples of Christ of Western Ontario and the North West Territories was held at Portage La Prairie, June 16, 17 and 18th.

John Munro, minister of the church at Portage La Prairie, was the convener of the convention. The other ministers present were Carey E. Morgan, of Minneapolis, Minn., and John K. Hester, of Cincinnati, O., who is at present in charge of the work in Rat Portage.

A number of other delegates, including Sister Caslick, of Rat Portage, were present.

The opening address was delivered by J. K. Hester, his subject being "The Central Truth of Christianity."

Bro. Morgan delivered addresses on "Our Obligations to the Young," "Steadfastness in the Faith," "The Victories of the Cross," and "The Plea for Restoration of the New Testament Church." Bro. Hester spoke on "The Word of the Cross and the Law of Growth."

Reports were read from brethren residing at Swan River, Manitoba, and Winnipeg and from the newly organized church at Rat Portage. The brethren organized for the purpose of carrying on a more effective work through the west.

There were large audiences present at the Lord's day services. One young man confessed Christ at the close of the evening sermon.

The convention was encouraging, and we may now look forward to better work in this portion of the Dominion.

O. B. STOCKFORD.

NEWS FROM P. E. ISLAND.

Since our last report from this place eleven have been baptized—nine of them from Murray Harbor. The prospects are that we shall have another church on the Island before very long.

Our Annual, held with the church in Summerside, was a decided success. A good attendance and those who preached excelled in the work. Money enough was raised in cash and by subscriptions to pay off the debt on the church, and over one hundred dollars toward paying for the services of a preacher. The writer continued the meeting for several nights and baptized six into Christ.

I am now with Bro. Simpson at Melpeque holding a meeting. Our meetings are well attended and the interest is good. We expect to keep the meeting going for some time. It is rather a bad time on account of the beginning of haymaking, but still the house is crowded. It may be difficult to continue there much longer on account of haying, but if the people are willing to attend we shall preach to them.

Bro. R. F. Whiston is settled in Charlotte-town and the prospects for a new house of worship are very bright.

The Central Christian Church is small in numbers but mighty in deeds. We may look for good and great things from them.

Bro. A. N. Simpson has accepted a call to labor between New Glasgow and Lot 48. East Point will need a preacher. They are able to keep a young man among them. The church in Summerside is also on the lookout for a suitable man to labor with them in the gospel.

Bro. Crawford, at present writing, is at East Point in the absence of Bro. Simpson, who for the past year labored for them half his time. If we can secure good men to locate at Summerside and East Point, our churches will be in good working order.

The prospects for success on the Island were never brighter than at present.

R. W. STEVENSON.

Original Contributions.

THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE JUBILEE.

A. MCLEAN.

It is now confidently believed that at least ten thousand people will come to Cincinnati, in October next, to participate in the Jubilee convention and to share in the joy of that occasion. Delegates are expected from all parts of the United States and from Canada, from the West Indies, and from Great Britain; India, Japan and China will be represented. What does all this mean? What is there to attract so many people and from so many lands? What reasons are there for joy and rejoicing? Let facts be submitted to a candid world.

Fifty years ago in the same city our organized missionary work had its inception. It was realized on all sides that little could be done in the way of evangelizing the world without co-operation. Experience had demonstrated this. The *Harbinger* confessed and lamented that the existing system was inefficient and inadequate. The truth is, there was no system. Churches were calling for preachers and for financial aid, and there was no way to answer these calls effectively. Wolves in sheeps' clothing were making havoc of the flock. Great and effectual doors were opening at home and abroad, but there was no one to enter. One hundred and fifty delegates, from one hundred and twenty churches, met to consider what ought to be done. They resolved that a missionary society, as a means to concentrate and disperse the wealth and benevolence of this reformation, in order to convert the world,

was both expedient and scriptural. These men felt that the time had come to decide whether they were to co-operate and make the truth they held effective, or continue without co-operation and come to naught. One of the strong men of that day said: "Our existence as a people is involved in some general co-operation for the conversion of the world. The present is a momentous crisis." That convention organized the American Christian Missionary Society.

Since that time the American Society has received and disbursed \$760,000. The supplemental funds swell the amount to \$2,300,000. Had it not been for the existence and leadership of the society the greater part of these funds would not have been raised. The figures given do not include \$214,000 raised for church extension; \$69,000 raised for negro education and evangelization; and \$20,000 for ministerial relief. Other results are more significant than the amount of money raised. The agents of the society have baptized nearly, if not quite, one hundred thousand souls, and have organized 2,261 churches.

The different State societies, which are theoretically auxiliary to the American society, report 193,371 baptisms and 101,787 other additions and incomes aggregating over three millions and a half of dollars. So far as can be discovered the whole amount of baptisms reported by the American and State societies is 283,805 and the other additions 127,066, and the whole amount raised is not far from five millions. If to this we add \$672,000, the amount raised by the Christian Woman's Board; and \$1,141,000, the amount raised by the Foreign society, we shall have some conception of what has been done since the organization of our first missionary society.

It is safe to say that nearly one half of our present churches have been organized by the missionary societies. Hundreds of other churches have been fostered and have been saved from discouragement and from dissolution. In times of trouble they have been aided in settling their difficulties. In their weakness they have been helped to secure buildings and to pay off their debts. Preachers have been put to work. Evangelists have been guided and sustained in destitute fields. A missionary atmosphere has been created. The cause of God has been furthered and his name honored.

Our missionary work has been of untold value to us. We have been saved from bickerings and from contention over trifles by the magnitude and the moral grandeur of the task in hand. We have been saved from dogmatism, and from conceit, and from division, and from heart failure, by the efforts we have put forth to plant new churches in the regions beyond, and by our efforts to strengthen those that were weak and ready to die. We have been driven to our knees and to our God for wisdom and for patience and for energy sufficient for the need. Our missionary conventions have been worth many times what they

have cost. They have made for peace and good-will. They have served to dissipate suspicion and to generate confidence and affection. As men of differing types of thought met and became acquainted, they came to esteem each other more highly. They saw that the points in which they agreed were more numerous and more important than those about which they differed. Our conventions have made us conscious of our strength. Since we have been meeting in large numbers, we are ready to tackle the cities and the ends of the earth and the devil and all his angels. The fears of ecclesiasticism which were entertained at the first have vanished. The missionary organizations have steadfastly adhered to their own business, that of extending the gospel everywhere. In no case have they sought to have dominion over the faith or the discipline of the churches, but to be helpers of their work and joy. They have been most signally owned and blessed of God.

In October as the speakers will rehearse all that God has wrought with us through these fifty years, we shall realize that we have abundant reason for thanksgiving and praise. It will be found that the results of our organized work far exceed anything that the founders of it anticipated.

THE P. E. ISLAND ANNUAL.

The Christian Association of P. E. Island met at Summerside and held a very profitable meeting with the church there, July 7th to 10th.

The good brethren of Summerside, who had made ample provision for entertaining the delegates, expected a good meeting, and they were not disappointed. A large number of delegates from all parts of the island were present including the following preaching brethren: Elders Crawford, New Glasgow; R. W. Stevenson, Montague; O. B. Emery, Charlottetown; A. N. Simpson, who ministers to the churches at Lot 48 and East Point; Evangelist R. F. Whiston, of Worcester, Mass., who has accepted the work at Charlottetown; and R. Everette Stevenson, of Kentucky University, Lexington, Ky.

The meeting opened on Friday night with preaching by Evangelist Whiston, who spoke in his usual happy, animated and convincing manner upon "The Two Serpents," and was listened to with rapt attention by the large audience.

On Saturday night a full house greeted Bro. O. B. Emery, who preached a very forcible and practical sermon on "Self-Righteousness." It was an earnest, helpful discourse full of lofty thoughts and noble principles.

Bro. R. W. Stevenson made the announcements for Lord's day and referred to the extensive changes and improvements recently made in the building, and stated that on the morrow all would be given an opportunity to assist in liquidating the debt.

Quite a number of delegates arrived by the evening train who were heartily welcomed and provided with accommodation at the close of the service.

On Lord's day morning at 10.30 a social meeting was conducted by Bro. R. Everette Stevenson; and at 11 o'clock, after the usual opening exercises, and a touching solo by Bro. Whiston, the annual sermon was preached by Bro. D. Crawford from I. Cor. xv. 3, 4. The subject was handled in a most masterful manner, bringing out in all their beauty and solemnity the three great facts of the gospel—Christ's death, burial and resurrection. It is indeed seldom that we are privileged to hear the plain old gospel story so vividly and wonderfully told. Those who heard were held for upwards of an hour spell-bound by the power and pathos of the discourse, which seemed almost to be the masterpiece of this grand man of God who for so many years has held an honored place in our Association, and in the hearts and affections of the people.

At the close the Lord's Supper was dispensed, Bro. Emery presiding, assisted by Elders Crawford and Beattie.

A short social meeting at three o'clock was followed by a sermon by Bro. Whiston on the "Absolute Certainties of the Gospel," based upon Luke i. 4. Bro. Whiston also sang "Life's Railway" with his usual effectiveness.

Bro. R. W. Stevenson took the platform at the close and called for pledges to cancel the church debt of \$500. The brethren and sisters responded liberally and promptly; over \$450 was pledged and all were pleased to see such enthusiasm aroused.

At 7 o'clock Bro. A. N. Simpson preached to a packed house, and Miss Emily Boyer, of San Francisco, Cal., who possesses marked ability as a musician and soloist, sang to the delight of her hearers one of her "sweet messages." Bro. Simpson's theme was the "Relation of the Church to the World," which was ably handled. In a logical, clear and forcible way the speaker showed that the mission of the church is to complete the work that Christ began on earth, to convert and save the world. The announcements being made, the services of the day closed with the benediction.

A social meeting at 9.30 was conducted by Bro. L. McKay of Charlottetown, and at 10 o'clock Bro. O. B. Emery, moderator for the past year, took the chair and opened the business session of the association with prayer.

Bro. R. W. Stevenson was appointed moderator for the ensuing year, and the undersigned secretary. The minutes of last meeting were read and adopted.

Reports from seven churches, viz.: Charlottetown, Summerside, Montague, New Glasgow, Cross Roads, Lot 48, East Point, and Tignish, were read, showing a total membership of 650, the gain during the year was 24, and the loss by death and removal 18—a gain in the aggregate of only 6 members for the seven churches reported. Last year the gain was 20. Tryon sent no report.

The total offerings for home and foreign missions amounted to about \$270 for the year, which includes all offerings from Sunday-schools and other departments of the

church. This is a gain of about \$50 over last year, but there is yet much room for improvement.

A letter of greeting from the Maritime C. W. B. M. was read and commented upon, and referred to committee for reply.

Bro. Simpson asked that the next session of the Association be held at Cross Roads, Lot 48, and the invitation was accepted.

A collection was taken to defray incidental expenses. A balance of \$2.35, after paying said expenses, was devoted for home missions.

Bros. R. W. Stevenson, A. N. Simpson and H. Williams were appointed a committee to arrange programme for next meeting.

A committee was appointed to draw up a resolution voicing the sentiment of the Association in regard to the action of the government toward the liquor traffic. Resolution to be read at the evening service.

The moderator spoke of our need of more aggressive work. He thought the outlook was good, and if only the churches would work together, success would crown our efforts. There are many places where good work can be done, and we hope that at the next annual meeting several new churches will be reported.

Some discussion followed and it was

Resolved, That the churches be requested to send their preachers part of their time to open up new work in localities where the outlook is promising; and

Further Resolved, That the churches be requested to take up monthly collections for home mission work on P. E. Island.

No other business being before the meeting it was adjourned.

At 3 o'clock, the Young People's session took place and was a decided success. The programme published in last number of THE CHRISTIAN was carried out with one or two changes. It was resolved that the papers read on "Our Forces and Resources," "The Equipment of the Primary Teacher in the Sunday-school," and "The Need of Supporting our Missionary Societies," be published in THE CHRISTIAN. A collection for home missions was taken which amounted to \$4.30, which, together with the former offering, leaves \$6.65 in the hands of the secretary for that purpose.

Evangelist Whiston again preached at 8 o'clock, taking as his subject, "The Greatest Sin in the World," which he claimed is procrastination. His remarks were based upon the text, "How shall we escape if we neglect so great salvation?"

One young girl responded to the invitation and confessed Christ before many witnesses.

Before closing Bro. Stevenson again made an appeal for aid for the Summerside church and a considerable amount was pledged.

The total amount raised was as follows:

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| Pledges, payable within 3 years, | \$560 00 |
| Cash collections,..... | 79 89 |
| Private subscriptions,.... | 11 00 |

Total,..... \$650 89

About \$90.00 of the pledges was paid down. We trust that Summerside will lose no

time in securing a capable minister, and by earnest work demonstrate the worthiness of the cause to which the sister churches so liberally contributed.

The following resolution was unanimously adopted, as read :

Be it Resolved, That the Christian Association assembled in convention at Summerside deeply regrets the attitude of the governments toward the liquor traffic, and exhorts all temperance workers to persevere in their efforts for the suppression of the liquor traffic, believing that finally right will prevail.

(Signed) D. CRAWFORD,
Chairman of Committee.

A hearty vote of thanks was tendered to the brethren of Summerside, and to Bro. R. W. Stevenson and all others who had helped make the meeting so successful.

Bro. Beattie responded; and after the audience had joined heartily in singing "God be with you," Bro. D. Crawford pronounced the benediction, and the people separated—strengthened, cheered and helped by their communion with each other—to meet, we trust again in annual convention at Cross-Roads, Lot 46, in 1900.

J. HARRY WILLIAMS,
Secretary.

Charlottetown, July 20, 1899.

THE CRISIS IN THE CHURCH.

The *Homeletic Review*, in a recent issue, insists that there is a crisis in the church, and makes a weak effort to locate the blame. After enumerating the great debts incurred by several home missionary societies during the past several years, the editor says: "There has been no general religious quickening. Thousands of churches of the leading denominations show not a single addition to their membership, and the rest have put forth comparatively little aggressive effort, so that the home work has languished with the foreign." The editor concludes by asking: "What is the matter?" and suggests that the ministry has lost faith in the word of God, and that Dr. Cuyler was right when he said: "Preaching to the unconverted has gone out of fashion." Just here we think the editor, though unconsciously, struck the key note. He has found the difficulty, but suggests no remedy. Denominationalism is on the wane, and the church that is untrue to God will fail in its efforts to save the world. The church that will live must "preach to the unconverted." "They that are whole need not a physician, but they that are sick." Here is the power of the plea of the Disciples of Christ, and these denominations that once looked down upon us with disdain are now being enumerated by the *Homeletic Review* as among the number who have "no general religious quickening," and as "not having a single addition to their membership." The field was never more ripe for aggressive, enterprising work than at present. The plea of the Disciples of Christ is gaining, and increased missionary offerings are manifest and with us there is no apparent crisis because we are at work. With this unrest men are reaching out for the truth as never before. Truly,

"We are living * * *
In a grand and awful time,
In an age on ages telling—
To be living is sublime."
—*Register-Review.*



ISAAC ERRETT.

We shall rejoice to see many delegates from the maritime provinces at the Jubilee Convention, October 13-20. The Queen city will be in her best clothes and the Disciples of Christ in their happiest mood. Come and share with us this wonderful convention. It will be worth something to see and join in song and prayer, to surround the Lord's table with ten thousand who believe in and seek for the oneness of the children of God.

Many countries will be represented, but we will be one in heart and purpose.

Canada! we welcome you!

A. M. HARNOT,
Chairman Jubilee Convention.

SOME STRIKING THINGS IN FIFTY YEARS OF OUR HISTORY.

In an address delivered on invitation of the Jubilee Committee in the Central Christian Church, Cincinnati, on "Some striking things in fifty years of our history," E. L. Powell spoke in substance as follows concerning the great missionary enterprise:

"No one thing stands forth more conspicuously in these fifty years than the inauguration and earnest advocacy of our organized missionary work. It was the beginning of a new era in our history—an era which should not ignore the past but with clear vision should recognize new conditions, new problems and new methods. It was most emphatically a forward movement—a leap league stride. It brought us into touch with the very heart of the century, for the predominant note of the nineteenth century in the religious world is unquestionably missions. It certainly brought us into touch with the heart of Christ. I believe that by means of this work we have been delivered as a people from provincialism. Until this gracious task of missions claimed us, ours was indeed a limited world. From our front door we could see pretty much all the territory in which we were interested. It did not take long to survey our landscape. In a word, we were provincial. But when we awakened to the great truth that there were people "beyond the mountain" and that these people were our brothers, having the same need as ourselves of the divine life and love—then truly for us "there was no end to the sky." Our world suddenly became as big as the globe and we found that we could

not breathe any longer in our old time environment. Besides, this great, now enterprise saves us, I think, from *theological narrowness*. We had come to a point in our history when our very strength demanded some new outlet for our energy. If we had not taken to missions, we would have gone into the business of creed-building. Everything was favorable to the latter enterprise. We had tested our propositions in many a hard-fought battle and they had not been found wanting. We were beginning to feel proud of our theological weapons and skill in handling them. Then when our danger was greatest of loving a system more than souls, of exalting propositions at the expense of practical Christianity, of making our conclusions the test of fellowship rather than Christian character—then came this call to suffering and service in the mission fields of the world. Now, we are so busy proclaiming the simple gospel of Christ at home and abroad that we do not find time to quarrel with one another over questions that are remote from the great task of saving men and women from their sins. We have no time for creed-building, for our creed was long ago fashioned for us. Our business is to help rear the temple of a redeemed humanity by using the material which has already been prepared.

Again, I am inclined to believe that the mission enterprise has saved us, as a people, from a ruinous *self-conceit*. We have always had much to make us rather proud of ourselves. Time was when we were driving so successfully the various "isms" of the day—capturing the enemy sometimes "horse, foot and dragoon"—that we were beginning to think that we were the favorites of heaven. In a word, our profound conviction that we were right and our splendid success in the advocacy of "our position" led us dangerously near to *self-conceit*. But when we measured ourselves against the great business of missions—when the puny proportions of our right arm were made apparent by the tremendous load to be lifted—then we felt as never before our own insignificance and our supreme need of divine help and wisdom. Then we could appreciate the prayer of the Breton fisherman: "O, God, our boats are very small and thy sea is very large." The day of *self-conceit* for us has passed. The bigness of the work will keep us on our knees. Be it ours, as the years go by, to press nearer and still nearer to the front of the advancing host of mission workers. Before another fifty years shall have passed, let us be the vanguard of the mighty army, not leading in the spirit of boastful pride, but feeling and knowing that to be in the front of the work is to be closest to Christ.



C. M. LOOS,
President F. C. M. Society.

A CALL TO PRAYER.

In view of the great importance of the varied interests before the churches in this Jubilee year and that the cause of Jesus Christ our Lord might be advanced, the Acting Board of the American Christian Missionary Society at its meeting on Friday, July 21st, voted to suggest to the brethren that the second Lord's day in August be set apart as a day for special prayer in their homes and in the churches for the presence and blessing of God upon our Jubilee Convention; upon the American Christian Missionary Society; its plans and its missionaries that they may be fruitful to the glory of God; upon the Board of Church Extension and its offering; upon our Board of Ministerial Relief and upon the effort to advance our Home work by an offering of \$100,000 in this the Jubilee year of the American Christian Missionary Society.

As the disciples took their five loaves and two fishes to Jesus and came back with the increase sufficient to feed the multitude, so we should take our resources to the Lord and with his blessing we may become an army that cannot be defeated.

We urge our brethren to earnest prayer to the Head of the Church for his blessing upon our work this year.

J. A. LORD, *Chairman.*

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A good story of Mr. Perry, an old Southern gentleman, who died several years ago, back of Covington, is told by Colonel Fred. Kinsinger. Mr. Perry was an exceedingly polite man. He would go out of his way at any time to avoid offending a neighbor or a friend. One day a neighbor met him on the street with:

"Hello, Mr. Perry! I was just going in to get a drink. Come in and have something."

"Thank you, Mr. —; I don't care for anything," was the answer.

"But come in and take something, just for sociability sake."

"Now, I want to be sociable and all that; I am anxious to be sociable, but I can't drink with you."

"All right, if you don't want to be sociable, I'll go without drinking," growled the friend, and silently walked along in the direction in which Mr. Perry was traveling.

Presently the pair drew near a drugstore, when Mr. Perry broke out with:

"Mr. —, I'm not feeling well to-day, and I think I'll go in the drugstore and get some castor oil. Won't you join me?"

"What, in a dose of castor oil?"

"Yes."

"Naw; I hate the stuff," saying which a chill went over the man as visible in its effects to Mr. Perry as if the ague had seized him on the street.

"But I want you to take a glass of oil with me—just to be sociable, you know."

The friend still refused, when Mr. Perry said:

"Your sociable whisky is just as distasteful to me as my sociable oil is to you. Don't you think I've as much reason to be offended with you as you have with me?"

The pair heartily shook hands, the dialogue was circulated in Covington, and Mr. Perry was never invited to drink again.—*Selected.*

A clergyman and an atheist were in one of the night trains between Albany and Utica. The night being cold, the passengers gathered as close as possible around the stove. The atheist was very loquacious, and was soon engaged in a controversy with the minister.

In answer to a question of the latter as to what would be man's condition after death, the atheist replied:

"Man is like a pig; when he dies, that is the end of him."

As the minister was about to reply, a worthy Irish woman at the end of the car sprang up, the natural red of her face glowing more intensely with animation, and the light of the lamp falling upon it, and addressing the clergyman in a voice peculiarly startling and humorous from its impassioned tone and richness of its brogue, exclaimed:

"Arrah, now, will ye not let the baste alone? Has he not said that he was a pig? And the more ye pull his tail the louder he'll squeal!"

The effect of this was electrical. The atheist was mute for the remainder of his journey.

There is a machine in the Bank of England which receives sovereigns, as a mill receives grain, for the purpose of determining wholesale whether they are of full weight. As they pass through, the machinery, by unerring laws, throws out all that are light to one side, and all that are of full weight to another. The process is a silent but solemn parable to me. Founded, as it is, upon the laws of nature, it affords the most vivid similitude of the certainty which characterizes the judgment of the great day. There are no mistakes or partialities to which the light may trust; the only hope lies in being of standard weight before they go in.—*Arnot.*

All that we have is from God. In that sense we are wholly dependent on God for the power to will and to do and to receive. We are no more dependent on God for faith than we are for sight; no more dependent on God for the power to believe and to trust than for the power to eat and to drink. The power to do right and the power to do wrong are in our spheres of choice and of action as gifts from God, for the use of which we are responsible. When God tells us to love our neighbor, and to have faith in God, we have a positive duty in each case to obey. Of course, we cannot hear or heed the commands except we are empowered of God; but we have no more business to wait for moral or spiritual power than to wait for physical power to draw a breath or to step one side when we are in the track of a trolley car or a bicycle. We ought to trust as if all depended on God, and to obey as if all depended on ourselves. In this way there will be no conflict of authority or responsibility.—*S. S. Times.*

A lady was watching a potter at his work, whose one foot was kept with "never slackening speed, turning his swift wheel round," while the other rested patiently on the ground. When the lady said to him in a sympathizing tone, "How tired your foot must be," the man raised his eyes and said, "No, ma'am, it isn't the foot that works that's tired; it's the foot that stands! That's it."

If you want to keep your strength, use it. If you want to get tired, do nothing. As a matter of fact, we all know that the last man to go for a helping hand for any new undertaking is the man who has plenty of time on his hands. It is the man and woman who are doing most, who are always willing to do a little more.

The people who are tired of life are not those who work, but those who are too proud or too lazy to do so. Many of the rich are morbidly restless, while those who have to earn their daily bread are comparatively contented and happy. The Bible says that "the sleep of a laboring man is sweet, whether he eat little or much," (Eccl. v, 12); and the busy worker has health and blessing which the listless idler never knows.—*Sel.*

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